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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the February edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research and evaluation community.

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

REENTRY

The Vera Institute of Justice recently published, *Smoothing the Path From Prison to Home: A Roundtable Discussion on the Lessons of Project Greenlight*.

http://www.vera.org/publication_pdf/319_590.pdf.

CORRECTIONS

The National Institute of Corrections recently published two papers related to implementing evidence-based practices.

Evidence-Based Practice: Principles for Enhancing Correctional Results in Prison.

<http://nicic.org/Downloads/PDF/Library/021139.pdf>

and *Implementing Effective Correctional Management of Offenders in the Community: Outcome and Process Measures.* <http://nicic.org/Downloads/PDF/Library/021041.pdf>

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE (NIJ)

The current NIJ journal includes an evaluation on Automated Information Sharing.

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/jr000253.pdf>.

STATE EVALUATION NEWS

DRUG COURTS

The Center for Criminal Justice Research has published a report entitled, *Evaluation of Ohio's Drug Courts: A Cost Benefit Analysis*.

http://www.uc.edu/criminaljustice/ProjectReports/Ohio_Drug_Courts_Cost_Benefit_Analysis_2005.pdf.

OTHER EVALUATION NEWS

MENTAL HEALTH COURTS

Two new studies on Mental Health Courts are now available.

From Referral to Disposition: Case Processing in Seven Mental Health Courts.

Psychology, Public Policy, and Law. (2005 Dec) Vol. 11 (4), 507-526.

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/abstract/110436937/ABSTRACT>

and

The Second Generation of Mental Health Courts. Behavioral Sciences & the Law. (2005 April) Vol. 23 (2), 215-226.

<http://content.apa.org/journals/law/11/4>

Useful resources for planning and implementing program evaluations and for developing program performance measures are available at:

The BJA Center for Program Evaluation Web Site

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/index.html>

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EVALUATION NEWS: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Past copies of Evaluation News are available on The Center for Program Evaluation Web Site at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/evaluation/e-news.htm>. For 2005, the newsletter highlighted a variety of evaluation reports and topics. States are encouraged to view past editions for areas of particular interest.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS**2006 SEARCH/BJA SYMPOSIUM**

The 2006 Symposium on Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing: *Effective Decisionmaking For a Safer America*, will be held March 13-15, 2006 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. Conference sessions will cover topics including best practices for effective program implementation and performance measurement. <http://www.search.org/conferences/2006symposium/>.

BLUEPRINTS FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION 2006 CONFERENCE

The Blueprints conference will be held March 13-15, 2006 in Denver, Colorado. The conference will highlight evidence-based program information on youth violence, delinquency, and drug prevention. <http://www.blueprintsconference.com/>.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH COURT CENTER 2006 SEMINAR

Developing and Implementing Youth Courts will be held April 24-26, 2006 in Denver, CO. One of the conference training highlights will be *Establishing a Program Evaluation*. http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/2006/CO_Overview.htm.

NIJ CONFERENCE 2006

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will be hosting its annual conference July 17-19, 2006 in Washington, DC. Registration for the conference will be available in early spring 2006. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html#nijc>.

THE AMERICAN EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (AEA)

The AEA annual conference, *Evaluation 2006: The Consequences of Evaluation* will be held November 1-4, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. Professional development workshops will also be available. <http://www.eval.org/eval2006/>.

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